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Ref no. – 14440

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request (16/11/18), under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002. You asked:

I am writing to get information on how many mental health nursing staff you provide in Scottish prisons in your NHS Board area, in this case Barlinnie, Greenock and Low Moss prisons.

*For each of the institutions I am looking for the following information for the last five years:
how many mental health nursing staff are available 9am-6pm.
how many mental health nursing staff are available 6pm-9am
how many mental health nursing staff are available on Saturday and Sunday*

For each year could you please specific if any mental health nursing staff have on long-term sick leave and for how long?

We are treating your request under our procedures for responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information we have to respond to your request is as follows:

HMP Barlinnie - 8 staff available from 9.00-5.00pm Monday to Friday (1x Band 7 Clinical Manager, 1x B6 Senior MH Nurse, 2 x Band 5 MH Nurses and 4 x Band 5 Addiction Nurses who also pick up patients with dual diagnosis)

HMP Greenock - 3 staff available from 8.00-4.00pm Monday to Friday (1x Band 6 Team Lead, 1 x Band 5 MH Nurse supported by 1x Band 5 MH Addiction Nurse)

HMP Low Moss - 4.4WTE available from 8.00-4.00pm Monday to Friday (1x Band 7 Clinical Manager, 1 x Band 6 Senior MH Nurse, 2.4WTE Band 5 MH Nurses)

The provision for mental health care over the weekend and out of hours for the 3 establishments is an Out of Hours Doctor who is based within Police Custody Healthcare.

In the absence of any mental health staff on either a short or long term basis all efforts are made to provide the appropriate cover, this includes the use of the nurse bank.

There have been less than 5 members of *mental health nursing staff* who have been on long term sick leave across each of the three sites as per your request above.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to request a review of this decision within 40 working days of receiving this response. The procedure for consideration of a review is detailed in the attached note. The note also describes your right to pursue the matter with the Scottish Information Commissioner if, following a request for review, you remain dissatisfied with the decision of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. If following appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law against the decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you wish us to review this decision, please complete **the form** enclosed and return it to the Head of Board Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Corporate HQ, JB Russell House, **Gartnavel** Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow **G12 0XH**.

Yours sincerely

